be pleased to state by when Government propose to announce the newsprint policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : It has noi been possible to announce Newsprint Allocation Policy for the year 1985-86 as the Government are trying to evolve a policy that will eliminate some of the existing lacqunae. However, newsprints have been authorised to draw newsprint to the extent of their entitlement for the year 1984-85 and suitable growth margin is also being allowed

Implementation of Crop Insurance Scheme

62. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of states which have adopted crop insurance scheme so far; and

(b) what steps the Central Government are taking to persuade the other States to adopt the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Eleven State Governments and one Union Territory, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujrat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya, Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Pondicherry implemented the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme during Kharif 1985 season. State Governments of Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir and the Union Territory of Goa, Daman & Diu have decided to implement the scheme from Rabi 1985-86 season.

(b) Detailed guidelines were issued to all the States and Union Territories on the 3rd May, 1985 for implementation of the Crop Insurace Scheme from Kharif 1985 season. The progress of the implementation of the scheme was reviewed at two National Level Conferences held on the 17th July, 1985 and 23rd September, 1985 respectively wherein all the States and Union Territories which had not implemented the scheme were impressed upon to implement the scheme in their areas. The Reserve Bank of India and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have already issued the necessary instructions to the commercial banks, Regional Rural Banks and the Cooperative Banks throughout the country for active participation in the implementation of the scheme. The States and U.Ts. have been impressed use of make to upon Training and Visit (T&V) system and the media namely--Doordarshan and All India Radio for wide publicity of the scheme. At the instance of the Central Government some of the State Governments have published literature in regional languages for distributions among the farmers with a view to educating them on the benefits of the Crop Insurnce Scheme.

N.D.D.B. Plan to Boost Edible Oil Production

63. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Diary Development Board has recently drawn up a plan to boost edible oil production in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA (a) Yes, Sir.